

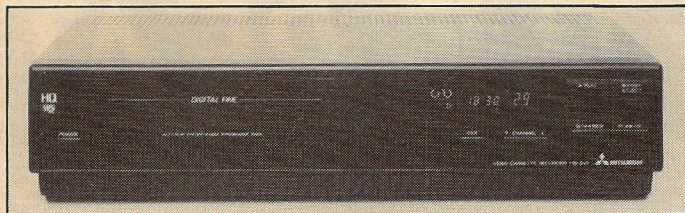


## Mitsi Bit

Mitsubishi have just announced a new budget VHS machine with advanced trick frame facilities.

The HS-347 has what is des-

cribed as 'digital fine' tracking and motor control to give near jitter-free slow motion. The 347 also boasts HQ video processing, 14-day, 5-event timer and a host of auto features, all for around £359.99 or less.



## July Competition Winners

Our July issue featured three great competitions with top videos and books up for the lucky winners. Firstly there was the *FX* caption competition with ten copies of the film as prizes. Some of your entries were truly abysmal but we managed to find ten amusing offers from: Barrie Curtis of Penzance; Mrs Lynne Sheard of Port Glasgow; Michael Page of Wantage; Kevin Burton of Totton; Mr R. Jupp of Walsall; Gavin Brown of Fife; John Pyke of Staines; Mr B. Smith of Kenilworth; Tony Tracey of Dublin and finally Mr C. R. Lomax of Skipton. The best captions were from Messrs Smith, Pyke and Lomax. Mr Smith's read 'I don't care if you are a friend of the managers, he's not coming in without a tie', while Jon Pyke's 'So Valerie, this is the man who sold you the sunbed' certainly raised a few smiles along with Mr Lomax's 'Does this mean I can't take teddy?' Well done you ten!

The second competition gave Spielberg fans a tough challenge with our trivia quiz on the great man. The answers were as follows: 1) Duel; 2) Dennis Weaver; 3) Amblin Entertainment; 4) Tobe Hooper; 5) None; 6) An American Tale; 7) The Name of the Game; 8) Kick The Can; 9) Frank Marshall; 10) Robert Watts; 11) Tom Selleck; 12) Either 2 or 3 as Jaws IV was in production at the time of the competition; 13) Michael Caine; 14) The Irving Thalberg Award; 15) Empire of the Sun; 16) The Blues Brothers; 17) Francois Truffaut; 18) Alice Walker; 19) Whoopi Goldberg; 20) Quincy Jones. The winners, who each receive a copy of Warner's *The Color Purple* are: David Lamb of Edgbaston; Mr P. Robinson of Doddington; Kevin Smith of Paddock Wood; Mr R. Chapman of Wellingborough; Miss Helen Young of Stirling; Mr J. Cooper of Littlehampton (again!); Mr Frank Hall of Great Yarmouth; Mark Hobson of Westwoodside; Stephen Naulty (or is it Milward?) of London and finally Frances Coleman of the Bridge of Allan in Stirlingshire. Congratulations to you all!

Our final competition gave away ten copies of the Laurel and Hardy book — *Clown Princes of Comedy*. The best entries were from: Roy Eaglestone of Northampton; Mr S. McCayn of Alnwick; Alastair Woolley of Warrington; Geoff Dagger of Blackburn; Mr R. Currie of Glasgow; Mrs J. Faulkner of Runcorn; K. L. Milverton of Aberystwyth; Derek Taylor of Preston; J. Sterry of Bleadney and Mr B. N. Smith of Kenilworth. Our congratulations go to all prize winners.

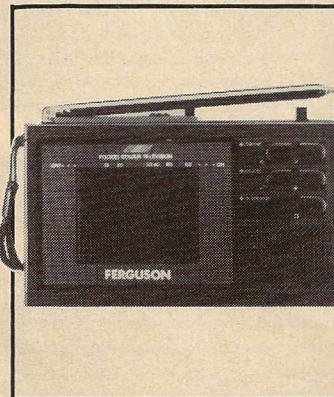
## Split-screen Sanyo

This autumn Sanyo plan to launch what looks like this year's most advanced VCR. The word 'digital' has become something of a misnomer, appearing on everything from vacuum cleaners to toasters but the VHR-D500 is simply bristling with digitised gadgetry that will take home video into the 1990s. Top of the list is a split-screen facility which divides the picture into nine separate images. The images can be 'strobed', either manually or automatically, in rapid succession, creating an effect familiar to Top of the Pops viewers.

Other options include single picture in picture, zoom, mosaic, paint picture and digital still. Mind (and eye) boggling stuff! Oh yes, it's a video recorder too — features include timer programming via the remote control and of course, HQ circuitry for sharper pictures. No firm price as yet but we expect it to sell for under £500.

## Tiny Telly

Ferguson, now part of the French-based Thomson Electronics empire, are about to launch a pocket-size colour TV with a 6.6cm liquid crystal (LCD) screen. The PTV01 is manufactured in Japan but will be selling under the Ferguson brand name for around £250. Features include push-button channel selection, on-screen tuning display and built-in telescopic aerial. Power for the set which measures just 85 x 145 x 35mm, is provided by six AA-type cells, which will give up to six-hours operation. Optional extras include rechargeable batteries, AC charger/power supply and car power lead.



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